STETSON UNIVERSITY

Commencement Ceremony
Undergraduate Programs

Saturday, December 16, 2006
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PROGRAM

President H. Douglas Lee, Presiding
Senior Lecturer Gary Maris, University Mace Bearer
Blair Townley, B.A.; Devin Roark, B.M.; and Zachary Chalifour, B.B.A., Gonfaloniers
Professor Stuart Michelson, Associate Deans Toni Blum and Jean West,
and Senior Vice President James R. Beasley, University Marshals

PROCESSIONAL — *Grand Procession* — Jeff Smallman

Stetson University Brass Ensemble
David Schmidt, Director

INVOCATION — Michael R. Fronk '74, University Chaplain

WELCOME — H. Douglas Lee, President

LITANY FOR THE STETSON UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY — Leonard L. Nance, Dean, First Year Studies

Leader: Stetson University students, faculty, staff, families, and friends,

We come together to celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to each other and to Stetson University, and to proclaim ourselves as active members of a loving and inclusive community.

Together: We strive to transform life for the welfare of all.

Leader: We celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to excellence in education as learners and teachers, and to our religious heritage, which inspires us to center our lives on the quest for meaning and truth.

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Leader: We celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to integrate education and action, scholarship and social responsibility, for the purpose of promoting justice on our campus, in our nation, and throughout the world.

Together: We affirm our quest for knowledge and our commitment to transform life for the welfare of all.

SENIOR ADDRESS — Alison McKellar '06

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS — John Rasp, Associate Professor of Decision and Information Sciences, 2006 Recipient of the McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES — James E. Woodward, Chair, Council of Deans

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES — H. Douglas Lee

Degree candidates presented by:
Grady W. Ballenger, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
James E. Woodward, Dean, School of Music
James H. Scheiner, Dean, School of Business Administration

INSTALLATION OF NEW ALUMNI — Susan Anderson
Associate Vice President for University Relations

ALMA MATER — Gary A. Meadows '59, '65

Dear Alma Mater, smile upon thy children,
Gladly we greet thee, altogether lovely!
Peace be within thy classic halls and temples.
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

Dear Alma Mater, tenderly thy children
Gather and bring to thee gracious salutations.
Comrades, your voices lift once again in chorus;
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

BENEDICTION — Michael R. Fronk

RECESSIONAL — *In resurrectione tua Christe* — Jacobus Gallus

The audience is asked to stand during the Processional and the Recessional.
During the Recessional, please remain at your seat until all graduates have reached the exit.

Please turn off the sound for pagers and cell phones and refrain from using them during the ceremony.

Members of the Brass Ensemble are:
Rachel DelValle, Alvin DeTorres, Michael Gemslinger, Joshua Grossnicklaus, Ryan McDonald, Brooke Miller, Matthew Nixon, Joseph Powell, Danielle Prien, Michael Quattrone, Camille Tolley, Alex Vagelakos, and Matthew Villa

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There will be a reception in the Rinker Field House immediately following the ceremony.
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
DR. JOHN RASP

A Stetson University faculty member since 1989, Dr. John Rasp teaches Statistics in the School of Business Administration's Decision & Information Sciences Department. He earned a doctorate in Statistics from Florida State University in 1984 and has also taught at the University of Alabama, where he was a Lilly Foundation Teaching Scholars Fellow. His research interests include issues involved in teaching statistics, business uses of statistics and statistics in baseball.

Last spring Rasp received Stetson's 2006 McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching, the most prestigious award given to a DeLand campus faculty member. In 1991 he won the university's Hand Award for outstanding research. His articles have appeared in several prestigious journals, including *Accounting Review*.

With wide-ranging interests, he has recently been a part-time student himself, pursuing his personal interest in Theology. In 2005 he received a master's degree in Theological Studies from the Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando.

He enjoys working with students outside of class and serves as faculty sponsor for the Honor System Council, which oversees Stetson's honor code; and for Phi Sigma Kappa, a men's social fraternity. A good sport, he sacrificed his 19-year-old beard to a student fundraiser this fall. Students raising money for charity approached him about shaving his beard if they raised $100. He agreed, but only if they raised $4,242.42 – the number 42 being special to him. They raised nearly $5,000 and he shaved – for one day. The next day he started growing his beard again.

Graduation Pledge

Initiated by the Class of 2002 and The Student Government Association Stetson University

This voluntary commitment is part of a national movement in which college graduates sign a pledge to "lead responsible lives." Seniors who have signed the Stetson University pledge wear green and gold ribbons at Commencement to indicate their intention to live thoughtfully and responsibly, drawing on values they have developed here as they move forward in life and work:

> **I acknowledge the impact of my decisions on others, on society, and on the environment. As I graduate from Stetson University and begin advanced study or my life's work, I pledge to consider the social, spiritual, and environmental consequences of my actions. As I make daily choices, I will do my best to enhance the lives of others, to deepen my understanding of the spiritual dimension of human life, and to demonstrate respect for the natural world.**

Mission

Our mission at Stetson University is to provide an excellent education in a creative community where learning and values meet, and to foster in students the qualities of mind and heart that will prepare them to reach their full potential as informed citizens of local communities and the world.

At Stetson, the art of teaching is practiced through programs solidly grounded in a tradition of liberal learning that stimulates critical thinking, imaginative inquiry, creative expression, and lively intellectual debate. The art of learning is enhanced through small interactive classes, close student-faculty alliances, and collaborative approaches that provide the foundation for rewarding careers and advanced study in selective graduate and professional programs. We embrace diverse methodologies to foster effective communication, information and technological literacy, and aesthetic appreciation. We encourage the development of informed convictions, independent judgment, and lifelong commitments to learning that are characteristic features of the enlightened citizen. In bringing together learning and values, the University encourages all of its members to demonstrate personal integrity; to develop an appreciation for the spiritual dimension of life; to embrace leadership in an increasingly complex, interdependent, and technological world; and to commit to active forms of social responsibility.

Heritage

Stetson University, Florida's first private university, was founded in 1883 by Henry A. DeLand, a New York philanthropist, as DeLand Academy. In 1887, the Legislature of the State of Florida enacted the Charter of DeLand University as an independent and autonomous institution of higher learning. The university name was changed in 1889 to honor John B. Stetson, the nationally known hat manufacturer who gave generously of his time and means to advance the quality and reputation of the institution, and who served, with Mr. DeLand and others, as a founding trustee of the university.

The first charter stated the object of the university should be "to promote the general interests of education, and to qualify its students to engage in the learned professions or other employments of society, and to discharge honorably and usefully the various duties of life."

Stetson's first president, Dr. John F. Forbes, clearly described the commitment to teaching which has been a hallmark of the university throughout its history:

"Buildings, libraries and apparatus are good and give added power, but the vital contact of students with a vigorous and stimulating mind and heart – this is the *sine qua non* of a successful education... The most important thing is to find men and women of large heart and mind, apt to teach and full of enthusiasm and stimulating power... to develop in the student the habit of independent judgment – of investigating statements and principles for oneself, and thus for oneself discover their truth or falsity."

Academic Attire

The traditional pageantry of an academic procession, such as the one which opens today's Commencement exercises, is one of the most impressive spectacles of our time. Its significance is attested by the array of handsome gowns and vividly colored hoods worn by members of the Board of Trustees, the Faculty, and other officers of the University. These display the symbols of scholarly attainment.

The earliest illustrations of gowns worn at Oxford University in England somewhat resemble cassocks worn by English teachers who found good use for the hood, or cowl, as protection against weather. The American system of academic heraldry indicates the level of a degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted.

The American mortarboard, derived from the soft Oxford cap, is black. Its tassel, for holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees, is usually black, although gold tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees and heads of institutions. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap by undergraduates, on the left by holders of bachelor's and higher degrees.

It is the hood which provides academic regalia its color and offers the most information about its wearer. The silk lining of the hood bears the color, or colors, of the degree-granting college or university; its velvet facing reveals the color assigned to each area of study. The doctor's gown may bear velvet trimming on the front and sleeves-such as dark blue for Doctors of Philosophy (Ph.D.). A few institutions, mostly overseas but some in this country, authorize the wearing of colored robes, departing from the traditional black and brightly displaying the official colors of the university.

Gonfalons

Gonfalons are thought to have originated in Western Europe during the middle ages, when such banners displayed the personal coat of arms or ensign of a nobleman and were used as war flags hung from a horizontal bar and carried on a staff or suspended from a knight's lance. As early as the twelfth century, they were commonly used at state and religious ceremonies, and such pageantry finds a place today in the academic ceremonies of many colleges and universities.

Stetson University proudly introduced gonfalons at the commencement ceremony on May 6, 2006. Prominently featuring the University Seal and the name of the respective college and school offering undergraduate programs of study, Stetson's gonfalons are richly hued in Stetson's colors of green and white, and accented by a luminous gold. The stately Elizabeth Hall cupola graces each gonfalon as a symbol of our heritage. The student bearers are outstanding members of the graduating class, who have been selected by their Deans for this honor.

Mace

Maces were originally war instruments used for organizing mayhem, but from the 13th century have been carried by the sergeant-at-arms of the organization. In the European and in the older American universities it symbolizes the dignity and authority of the president and the corporation or the board of trustees.

Stetson's mace, designed by Episcopalian Canon Edward Nason West of New York, was presented to former president J. Ollie Edmunds in 1956 at the May Commencement ceremony. Canon West, of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, is a leading authority on heraldry and the ancient symbolism on which much academic protocol is based.

The mace is described here by the artist:
"Stetson's mace is designed so that anyone could easily place the university's geographic location and chartering power. The palm buds from Florida's state seal form a base for the head of the mace. The legend around the bowl makes the particular institution's motive clear. The crenulations constitute what is known as a "canting device" since they are a play on the Latin word "stet" – of Stetson – meaning "may it stand." The anchor, heart and cross–repeated twice in ornamenting them–are taken from the seal of the City of DeLand. From the top of the mace, rises the shield of the university. The mace takes its basic shape from the mace of the Baptist Long Parliament, thus signifying the Baptist roots of the university."

The mace was made by Daniel Spencer, master gold and silversmith, of William Comyns & Sons, Ltd., London. The firm was established in 1645 and examples of their craft work can be found in St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

Medallion

The President's Medallion, worn at all official academic occasions, was cast for the inauguration of former Stetson president John E. Johns in 1969. The medallion, cast in silver, is the university seal embraced by a wreath of laurel.

The Stetson Colors

The Stetson colors, Green and White, were adopted about the time as the Seal. At the first commencement the stage was decorated in Green and White. It is believed that the colors were chosen from the rich green of the orange trees and the pure white of the orange blossoms, a magnificent sight in the spring throughout Florida's great citrus belt. The color white represents purity and green signifies growth.

The University Seal

The circular seal of Stetson University was first adopted between 1889 and 1891, about the time the name of the institution was changed from DeLand College to John B. Stetson University. It first appeared on a university catalog in 1891. The drawing was by an artist-in-residence and approved by President Forbes, Henry DeLand and John B. Stetson, as well as by the Board of Trustees. The Latin Motto, "Pro Deo et Veritate," os translated "For God and Truth." The Lamp, signifying the Light of Truth, rests on the Book of Wisdom.

December 16, 2006 Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Arts

Vinicius Adam
DeLand, Florida
English

Philip Howard Anthony
Summerland Key, Florida
Art

Rachel Elizabeth Bowers
Cocoa, Florida
History

Elizabeth Thelma Burdett
Houston, Texas
Spanish

Chelsea Rhea Canning
St. Petersburg, Florida
Art

*Ricardo Felipe-Hernan Clark
Deltona, Florida
Art

Elizabeth Cruz
Sanford, Florida
Spanish

Ryan Kenneth Dixon
Seminole, Florida
Sport Management

Andrea Christina Evans
Ballwin, Missouri
Political Science

Sarah Rebecca Faller
Coral Springs, Florida
Political Science

Jessica Yasmine Feuer
Windermere, Florida
History

Leah Anne Floyd
Indian Harbour, Florida
English

Lariza Andrea Garzon
Deltona, Florida
International Studies
Latin American Studies

Kelly Christine Gilbert
DeLeon Springs, Florida
Psychology

Lucille Clabeaux Gleason
DeLand, Florida
Art

Ian Michael Hall
San Marcos, California
Philosophy

Philip David Handyside
St. Cloud, Florida
History

*Andrea Jean Hart
Jupiter, Florida
Art

*Karl Bruce Hollingsworth
Jonesboro, Georgia
Sport Management

Jordan Michael Johnson
Ocala, Florida
Political Science

Amanda Blair Keiper
Deltona, Florida
Political Science

*Tina Marie Kocak
Binghamton, New York
Political Science

Kellan Christopher Lawing
Orlando, Florida
Digital Arts - Sound Track

Ashley Michelle Logan
Johns Island, South Carolina
English

Anna Maltby
York, England
Sport Management

Liana Grace McAbee
Forestdale, Massachusetts
Communication Studies

Catherine Anne McCray
Orange City, Florida
Elementary Education

Alison Shore McKellar
Union, Maine
Sociology

Monika Gabriella Moker
New Smyrna Beach, Florida
English

Bryan Richard Molohon
Osteen, Florida
Humanities

Amanda Newton
New Smyrna Beach, Florida
International Studies
Political Science

Mona Patel
Daytona Beach, Florida
Psychology

Jessica Braden Quinby
Winter Park, Florida
Elementary Education

Rebecca June Ramsey
Groveland, Florida
International Studies

Elizabeth Helfrich Roth
St. Augustine, Florida
Music

Christi Leigh Slack
DeBary, Florida
Sociology

Birger Soiland
Stabekk, Norway
Communication Studies

Blair Nicole Townley
DeBary, Florida
Communication Studies

Margaret Marie Twigg
Potomac, Maryland
English

Timothy Joel Whittum
Port Orange, Florida
Psychology

Bachelor of Science

Elizabeth Cruz
Sanford, Florida
Psychology

Jessica Yasmine Feuer
Windermere, Florida
Biology

Allison Sue Fulton
Ormond Beach, Florida
Biochemistry

*Stephanie Lynne Garnes
Port Orange, Florida
Political Science

*Jessica Lily Gonzalez
Deltona, Florida
Biology

Melissa Margrit Gostigian
Ft. Myers, Florida
Elementary Education

Shannon Marie McFarland
Ormond Beach, Florida
Psychology

Milica Milovanovic
DeLand, Florida
Integrative Health Science

Raymond Lee Mobley, Jr.
Daytona Beach, Florida
Elementary Education

David Paul Tully
DeLand, Florida
Integrative Health Science

** denotes July 26, 2006, graduate*

Bachelor of Music

Betty Jo Couch
Palm Bay, Florida
Piano/Organ

Devin Scott Roark
Gulf Breeze, Florida
Orchestral Instrumen

Donovan Christian Singletary
Crestview, Florida
Voice

Yohance Manu Wicks
Orlando, Florida
Voice

Bachelor of Music Education

Crystal Lynne McKinney
Palm Bay, Florida
Instrumental/General

Kimberly Marie McNees
Port St. Lucie, Florida
Instrumental/General

Tiffany Anne Ralph
Orlando, Florida
Instrumental/General

Mark Allen Sunderland
Daytona Beach, Florida
Instrumental/General

Yohance Manu Wicks
Orlando, Florida
Vocal/General

Bachelor of Business Administration

Christopher Robert Belisle
Leicester, Massachusetts
General Business Administration

Charles Herald Bruin
Englewood, Florida
General Business Administration

Amber Joy Bryant
DeLand, Florida
Accounting Information Systems

Elizabeth Thelma Burdett
Houston, Texas
International Business

Lauren Rachel Bushika
Oviedo, Florida
Marketing

Mario Alberto Rainiero
Cayo Sanguineti
Lima, Peru
Marketing

Zachary Andre Chalifour
West Chesterfield, New Hampshire
Accounting Information Systems

Jennifer Marie Clark
DeLand, Florida
General Business Administration

Amanda Corinne Cohn
Sanibel, Florida
Management

* Christopher John Coppola
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Marketing

Carin Ashley DeFerdinando
Boca Raton, Florida
Accounting Information Systems

* Caroline Theresa Dell
Georgetown, Grand Cayman
Finance

Brittney Lynn Doyle
Inverness, Florida
Marketing

* Ronald Leonardo Fulmore
DeLand, Florida
General Business Administration

* Amanda Renée Fulton
South Melbourne Beach, Florida
Management

Matthias Gene Glover
Jacksonville, Florida
Finance

James Thomas Green
Panama City, Florida
Management

Robert Wayne Hanks
DeLand, Florida
General Business Administration

Michael Christopher Hudspeth
Winter Garden, Florida
Management
Marketing

Kelly Noel Kuenning
Palm Harbor, Florida
Management

Sheena Carrie Kwaterski
Key West, Florida
Management

Thomas Julian Mirbach
Highland Park, New Jersey
Marketing

Lisa Murray
Nassau, New York
General Business Administration

Parker Kimball Mynchenberg, Jr.
Daytona Beach, Florida
General Business Administration

Glenn Bradford Neff
Orlando, Florida
General Business Administration

* Matthew Herbert Neufeld
Miami, Florida
General Business Administration

Mona Patel
Daytona Beach, Florida
Management

Neha Pravin Patel
Daytona Beach, Florida
Accounting Information Systems

Lina Marie Pfoh
Munich, Germany
International Business

Tracy Anne Phipps
Sanford, Florida
Accounting Information Systems

Travis John Pomroy
Port Orange, Florida
General Business Administration

Lauren Camille Pont
Temple Terrace, Florida
General Business Administration

* Claribel Ramos
Hackensack, New Jersey
Management

Stephen Carl Rideg
Pompano Beach, Florida
General Business Administration

* Tucker Robinson
Savannah, Georgia
Finance

Louisa Micale Samuels
Dover, New Hampshire
Accounting Information Systems

Joseph Anton Sasek III
DeLand, Florida
International Business

Morgan Elizabeth Shipes
Umatilla, Florida
General Business Administration

Colleen Dawn Shrader
St. Augustine, Florida
Accounting Information Systems

Michael Scott Sirum
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
Management

Whitney Kathleen Smith
Wadsworth, Ohio
International Business

Jessica Lynn Streeter
DeLand, Florida
Finance

* Michael Conrad Swint
DeLand, Florida
General Business Administration

Noelle Lynne Tyre
Jacksonville, Florida
International Business

Mariya Yurievna Volkova
Moscow, Russia
Marketing

* Nicholas Andrew Young
George Town, Cayman Islands
Electronic Business Technology

** denotes July 26, 2006, graduate*

Graduation Honors

Summa Cum Laude

Betty Jo Couch

Magna Cum Laude

Christopher Robert Belisle
Zachary Andre Chalifour
Matthias Gene Glover
Sheena Carrie Kwaterski
Anna Maltby
Alison Shore McKellar
Noelle Lynne Tyre

Cum Laude

Andrea Christina Evans
Leah Anne Floyd
Lariza Andrea Garzon
Crystal Lynne McKinney
Monika Gabriella Moker
Lisa Murray
Devin Scott Roark
Blair Nicole Townley

Honors Recognitions

Stetson University applauds its December 2006 graduates who have achieved high honors in completing their degrees.

Phi Beta Kappa

Stetson was the first private university in Florida to be honored with a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honorary society. Since 1776, Phi Beta Kappa has promoted "high scholarship, liberal culture, and good character" among undergraduates. Election to Phi Beta Kappa is Stetson's highest recognition of excellence in the study of the liberal arts and sciences.

Alison McKellar

Pi Kappa Lambda

Pi Kappa Lambda is a national music honor society which recognizes those junior and senior students who have demonstrated superior achievement in their programs of study. Seniors in the upper 20 percent of the class and juniors in the upper 10 percent of the class are eligible for membership.

Betty Jo Couch

Beta Gamma Sigma

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society providing the highest academic recognition available for an undergraduate or graduate business student. Beta Gamma Sigma recognizes outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs accredited by AACSB International. To be eligible for membership, an undergraduate student must rank in the upper 7 percent of the junior class, or the upper 10 percent of the senior class.

Noelle Tyre
Sheena Kwaterski
Zachary Chalifour
Matthias Glover

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